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I am a truck driver, and I strongly oppose the NAB's attempt at squelching XM Radio's broadcasts of local traffic and weather. Local broadcast stations are fine, if you're in the local broadcast area and know what stations to tune in. But as a truck driver, I like to know the traffic before I enter an area so that I can plan my route accordingly. Also, I don't know what stations broadcast traffic reports at what time, and, I have no desire to sit through their cute little personal conversations just to hear 10 seconds of traffic that won't be repeated for 15 or 30 minutes. In some of the larger metro areas, the local stations only air traffic reports pertinent to their part of the city, but not what's happening 2 cities away. If I were forced to listen to only the local stations, I would be forced to constantly search the airwaves for other traffic reports, distracting me while driving in heavily congested traffic. XM (and Sirius) allows me to "set it and forget it" and concentrate on driving.

Perhaps the NAB should realize that the reason XM and Sirius has become such competition is because they offer the professional driver the services needed, and instead of crying about everyone switching to the better service, maybe the NAB should look into improving theirs. I don't hear them complaining about NOAA weather radio.

I strongly urge you to reject NAB's petition 04-160, and to support both satellite radio and the American truck driver, and to let NAB know that the services they offer are inferior, and need to be improved upon if they are to survive in the 21st century.

Thank you for your time and consideration/